

URING the past week there has been a good excuse for the city being KALEIDOSCOPE OF the social centre again, and the fashionable restaurants have suggested quite as much, if not more, of the fashionable city season than There may be good living on board the modern yacht, but apparently society prefers not to dine on board, as many of the yachting parties were to be seen at every possible meal on shore. Still it was "smart" to be on a yacht last week, and smarter still to be the host, and if the sum total of the two weeks' cost is a bit large, why so much the better, as it insures more certain. social position for all time to come. And as one long headed aspirant for social favors proudly asserted:-"Entertaining on board a yacht tells better than anywhere, for the expense shows." The different sets were well represented, each in its own circle, during these yachting days, and a close student of modern society could see and foresee some strange combinations in the different lists of guests.

Narragansett Pier has had an unusually gay week and has proved, in spite of all the gloomy predictions made during the cold, rainy weather of last month, that the charm of a Narragansett August is as potent as ever. The hotels have been crowded, the dances as well attended as ever-which means that there were dances, enough to make the floor crowded while the rows of lookers on were three and four deep-the cottages were all rented early in the season, there have been many house parties, and altogether life at the Pier has been very lively, with enough of the Newport element thrown in to show that even the "smart set" must needs go there for real gayety. The Philadelphia, as well as a Washington and a Western element has been prominent at Narragansett this season, but there are always conservative New Yorkers who would not think it possible to let the summer pass without spending a few days there.

HE gayety at Newport is largely prospective; if all reports be true the intention of making September a merry month is rapidly growing in favor and there are many plans in prospect, dinners and dances of goodly size, at which there are to be many novel features in entertaining that are now being at which there are to be many novel features in entertaining that are now being discussed. The debutante element still holds the centre of the stage at Newport and apparently finds the season a gay one, judging from the constant round of informal entertainments that are given for these young girls and their artendant swains, principally the college men and the recent college graduates. Miss Rosamond Street, an exceedingly pretty blonde; the Misses Iselin, the Misses Twombly, the Misses Mills, Miss Paget, who is visiting Miss Leary, and Miss Elsie Whelen form a most charming coterie of attractive young beach. and Miss Elsie Whelen form a most charming coterie of attractive young beach.

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It seems a bit strange, this side of Newport life, and that there will be a mew turn of the social kaleidoscope before long is certain. But in the meantime this condition of affairs meets with general approval and leaves the other members of society more free to go their "ain gait."

ENOX has not been over gay as yet, but then it is not expected that any social life, in the sense of many entertainments being given, will begin before September. The extraordinarily cool weather this summer has made Lenox more attractive as a midsummer resort than usual, and yet people there live a true country life, interested in their own affairs first of all, and the house parties are expected to find their pleasure among the guests in the house where they are stopping, and not, as is the case later in the season, with the guests of the adjoining country places. There have been luncheons and dinners, all more or less formal affairs, but no general entertaining, and had it not been for the adjointy patrons leave the athing beach.

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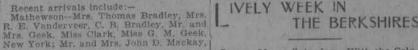
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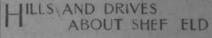
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SHEFFIELD, Mass., Saturday,

MY DEAR EDITH:-Mr DEAR EDITH:—

SEATED on the lawn of the cottage that rather rents for the season, with the Housatonic on the east and Mount Everett, with the sun and shadows on it, to the west, I heartily agree with the song, "Hurrah for old New England and her cloud-tipped grante hills."

This makes our third summer in the Berkshires. Bear Mountain, with its tower of etones built on the summit, standing where New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut come together, is easily seen from the west window of the library.

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Seen from the west window of the library. Yesterday mamma took five of us a delightful drive through South and North Egremont, up hill and down dale, to see once again the pretty house we occupied two years ago. A trip to Barrington we consider going downtown, and a pretty drive it is. Part way we run by the Housatonic River, and always give William Cullen Bryant an extra thought whey we cross the Green River where it flows into the Housatonic.

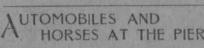
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And Mark Belvior Terrace about September 12. Mr. and Mrs. William D. Sloane, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Freederick Vanderbit in the Adirondacks, will arrive early next week.

A number who went down to the yaste accession of the Celebrate of the Reliance. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. Sturgis, Mrs. William B. Bacon, Miss Constance Bacon, E. S. Mandelline of the Reliance. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. Sturgis, Mrs. William B. Bacon, Miss Constance Bacon, E. S. Mandelline weeks that the wedding of Mrs. Frank C. Housalond C. H. Westurne Burbury, of the English Royal Engineers, will be a simple American exercisory, without any millitary osteniation. The Captain's mother and brother, who are in London, will come to Lenox for the wedding, which will take place in Teinity Church and the Mrs. Glraud Foster, who returned from Newport early in the week, itself the brider-clock is now in monurang for her mother.

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